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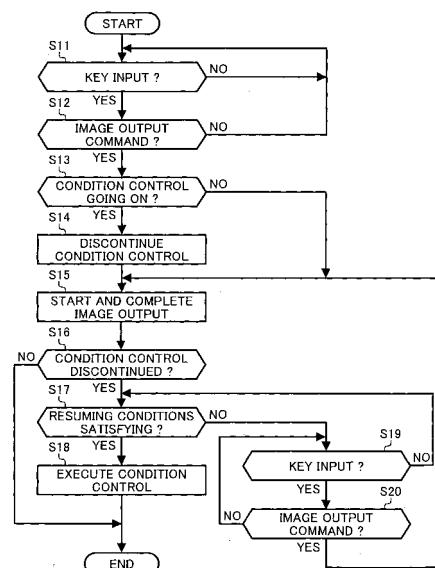
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(54) **Method and apparatus for image forming capable of controlling image-forming process conditions**

(57) An image forming apparatus includes an image forming mechanism and a process controller. The process controller instructs the image forming mechanism to perform an image forming operation and a control operation of image forming process conditions. The control operation includes at least two phases each executable at an individual time. The process controller instructs the image forming mechanism to perform the control operation by executing the at least two phases in order of execution frequency from the highest, and discontinue sequential execution of the at least two phases in accordance with an image output command to preferentially perform the image output operation in accordance with the image output command. An image forming method is also described.

FIG. 8





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